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1. personnel were being recruited for the KVP and factory police at the Neptun shipyard, the Warnow shipyard and the Diesel Engine Works in Rostock. The quota of KVP recruits assigned to the Warnow shipyard was 30 men. was rather 25X1
2. a VP recruiting office was located in Hennigsdorf. From this headquarters, recruiting commissions of two men each visited various industrial enterprises in this area. The commissions contacted juveniles employed in these enterprises and tried to recruit them for the KVP or VP. the recruiting commissions were not very successful. 25X1
3. The morning of 1 October, a recruiting commission of the VP consisting of two male and two female Wachtmeisters each appeared in a small enterprise in Eberswalde 25X1
4. The afternoon of 8 October, a VP Hauptwachtmeister who stated that he came from Potsdam appeared in the town hall of Benzheim (sic) and demanded from the local burgomaster a list of names of all male persons of the municipality belonging to the 1908 through 1934 classes. Persons who were urgently needed in industrial enterprises were not to be included in that list, the completion of which was demanded by 8 p.m. of the same day. The list made out included 230 men.
5. recruiting efforts for the VP had since recently been intensified at the IFA Tractor Plant in Brandenburg. Only reliable SED members were allegedly to be recruited. 25X1
6. the KVP Kreis registration offices of Bezirk Magdeburg have resumed their recruiting campaign for the KVP in early October. After 17 June, these registration offices had temporarily suspended their operations although continuing in the same strength. After early October, recruiting activities were exclusively done through SED offices. Only reliable SED members were being recruited.

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VP Inspektionen were ordered to promote the recruiting campaign for the VP. Specially selected and qualified officers will be assigned the mission of promoting the recruiting of new VP personnel with the co-operation of SSD functionaries. The recruiting campaign was to be conducted in an attractive way by the organization of dances, concerts, theatrical performances etc. Slogans to be stressed were the fight against the West German mercenary army, West German war mongers, the protection of the German Democratic Republic and of world peace. People who openly showed their aversion to the recruiting campaign were to be reported to the VP Inspektionen. No recruiting was to be conducted in the vicinity of West Berlin. Professional soldiers and soldiers who were in Western PW captivity besides members of professional fire brigades prior to 1945 were to be excluded from recruiting efforts.

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a new recruiting campaign for the Schutzpolizei was started in early October. The campaign was motivated by the fact that the Schutzpolizei proved to be of inadequate strength on 17 June 1963. The recruiting campaign was directed at men and women from 18 to 45 years old. Recruiting commissions of one officer and EM each were sent into specific areas of the Kreis involved. In rural areas the recruiting campaign was jointly conducted with the local heads of the administration. Married candidates were enlisted as Wachtmeister with a monthly salary of 320 eastmarks, while bachelor candidates were recruited as "Anwaerter" (candidates) with a monthly salary of 240 eastmarks.

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Comment.

It appears that recruiting procedures for all branches of the VP and for the SSD were revised and that recruiting of personnel for the KVP was given priority.

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